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SUBJECT: SA POLICE FORM VOLUNTEER UNIT FOR RHODESIA

1. IN STATEMENT ON INCREASED BUDGET FOR BORDER DEFENSE
RELEASED AUGUST 1, SAG ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF LONGER-SERVICE, VOLUNTEER UNIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE (SAP) TO FIGHT IN RHODESIA.

2. AFTER RECEIVING TRAINING IN COUNTER-INSURGENCY WARFARE, VOLUNTEER SAP FORCE WILL SERVE 6-12 MONTHS IN RHODESIA.
PREVIOUS SYSTEM WAS BASED ON ASSIGNMENT OF POLICEMEN, FROM VARIOUS POSTS IN SA, TO SERVE IN RHODESIA FOR PERIOD OF FEW MONTHS.

3. MONETARY INCENTIVES IMPORTANT FEATURE IN ESTABLISHMENT
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OF NEW FORCE. DAILY ALLOWANCE RANGES FROM FOUR RAND

EIGHTY CENTS (1 RAND EQUALS \$1.50) TO SEVEN RAND, AND GRANT FOR
ONE-YEAR SERVICE IS 900 RAND FOR BLACKS AND 1200 RAND
FOR WHITES.

4. STATEMENT SAID NEW SYSTEM "WILL BRING ABOUT THAT THE
MEN WHO ARE ENGAGED IN DEFENDING OUR LAND OUTSIDE OUR
BORDERS WILL BE COMPENSATED TO A GREATER EXTENT FOR THE
PATRIOTISM DISPLAYED BY THEM"

5. COMMENT: FORCE APPARENTLY BEING ESTABLISHED IN RESPONSE
TO CRITICISM THAT PRIOR SYSTEM NOT CONDUCIVE TO EFFICIENCY
AND DEGREE OF TRAINING NECESSARY IN COUNTER-GUERRILLA
WARFARE. ADDITIONALLY, INCENTIVES ATTEMPT TO OVERCOME
RECENT RECRUITMENT PROBLEMS APPARENTLY STEMMING FROM
DISINCLINATION OF SA YOUTH TO CHANCE SERVICE ON NORTHERN
BORDER OR IN RHODESIA BY JOING POLICE FORCE.

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